

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheet makes changes to Fig. 2 and replaces the original sheet with Fig. 2.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Fig. 2 is amended to correct an error in S110. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Murakami et al. (Murakami), U.S. Patent No. 7,269,499, in view of Brehob et al. (Brehob), U.S. Patent No. 6,098,585. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Murakami does not qualify as prior art against this application. Applicant's claimed foreign priority is to JP 2004-182783 (JP 783), filed on June 21, 2004. Murakami has a U.S. filing date of April 7, 2005, after Applicant's priority date. Attached is an accurate English-language translation of Applicant's priority document, JP 783. Because all pending claims are supported by JP 783, all pending claims are patentable over the applied references. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-10 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Attachments:

Accurate English-Language Translation of JP 2004-182783
Replacement Sheet

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